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11. (SBU) In response to reftel demarches by Ambassador and DCM, the MFA released the following statement June 1:

"Bulgaria welcomes the statement by the Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice for the preparedness of the USA to become a full partner to the EU 3 negotiations with Iran.

This new initiative is an important step towards finding a diplomatic solution and enhances the prospects for success.

Bulgaria reiterates its support for the continuous efforts of the European Union and other major international factors to bring about a viable solution acceptable to all.

We expect that Iran will seriously consider the US proposal, demonstrate its willingness to restore the confidence of the international community and act in conformity with the international agreements and commitments as well as with the respective IAEA requirements."

(The statement can be found at: [www.mfa.government.bg](http://www.mfa.government.bg)).  
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